

UGC-SAP DRS Programme- Concept Note

National Seminar(4th in the series)on

**Towards a Better Understanding of Indian Ethics and Religion: Some**

**Contemporary Perspectives**

**27-29 March, 2017**

**Venue**

**Department of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar, India.**

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**Call for Papers**

**Programme types may include any of the following**

- Invitational lectures
- Academic paper presentations
- Panel discussions
- SKYPE presentations
- Artistic performances

Regular Paper presentations are of 35 minutes in length(25mnts paper+10mnts discussion),and theinaugural is on 27th at 2 p.m. followed by Key-note presentation; **Key Note Speaker—Prof Sibnath Sharma**, Department of Philosophy, Gauhati University, Guwahati. Paper Presentations, Panel Discussion and Invitation Lectures are on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

**Three critical issues for the Seminar**

1. Contemporary Approaches to Indian Ethics—Re-visiting the notions such as Dharma, Rta, Karma Purusarthaetc,.
2. An insider's critique of Indian theories on Ethics and Religion—Contemporary perspectives from the Philosophies of Tagore, Gandhi, Radhakrishnan, Daya Krishna, B.K.Matilal, J.N. Mohanty. (the list is not exhaustive)

3. Religion in relation to Ethics, morality, environment etc.: with special reference to North-eastpart of India.

#### **Focused constituencies of the 2017 seminar**

1. There is a general perception that the mainstreamformal Indian philosophy was uninterested in ethics and that the Indian moral philosophy is richly reflected in popular literature
2. Analytic explications, critical comparisons between classical Indian moral philosophy and contemporary contributions to ethics.
3. Special focus on Religion, Ethics and Tribal Morality—North-east India.
4. Addressing the hard problems of Indian moral philosophy and highlighting the contribution of Indian thinkers to contemporary research on ethics.
5. Narrative ethics of Indian epics.
6. Neo-Hindu contributions to ethics and religion—Tagore, Gandhi, Vivekananda, B.G. Tilak, Radhakrishnan, Daya Krishna etc.,
7. The interface of Religion and Ethics.

#### **Please Note:**

- You can make a **Skype**presentation
- You may present your paper is 25 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for discussions.
- Please establish relationship of your paper with the theme of the seminar
- An engagement with other participants and interaction with research scholars and students is what is expected of you- a gentle reminder.

#### **Time Line**

- March 25, 2017 : Submission of Abstracts and Papers
- March 27, 2017 : Inaugural of the Seminar, 2pm. Dept of Philosophy, AU.
- March 28,29- 2017 : Academic Papers, Panel discussions, artistic preferences

**Language:**English will be the language of paper presentations and deliberations (the necessary evil). However, we encourage presentations in **Sanskrit**, in particular, and in any other Indian languages, in general.

### **List of Invited Speakers**

01. Prof. Sibnath Sharma, Department of Philosophy, Gauhati University, Guwahati
02. Prof S.P. Gautam, JNU
03. Prof K.Sambashiva Prasad, Hyderabad Central University
04. Prof Van LalGhak, NEHU, Shillong
05. Prof. PanneerSelvam, Madras University, Chennai
06. Prof. BijayanandaKar, Utkal University
07. Prof. KanchanaMahadevan, Bombay University
08. Prof. GautamGhoshal, Vishwabharati University
09. Dr. BhaskarjitNeog, JNU
10. Prof Vedaparayana, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati
11. Prof R.C.Pradhan, Hyderabad Central University

### **Important Note**

You may submit your proposal to Prof. Nataraju Adarasupally or Send an email --[adinatraj@gmail.com](mailto:adinatraj@gmail.com) or you may call +91-9435522165.

### **Organizing Committee:**

**Patron :** Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath

Vice-Chancellor, Assam University.

Co-ordinator of the Seminar: Dr. Nataraju Adarasupally

Head, Department of Philosophy, Assam University.

Deputy Co-ordinator :MunmunChakraborty, Department of Philosophy, AU

**Members :** Dr. Subhra Nag, Dr. Nirmali Barman and Dr. Pius VT.